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Ms. Carol Hanlon
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

The purpose of this letter is to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the central repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

After many years of effort and billions of dollars in expenditures, the DOE has identified a suitable location. Keeping high-level radioactive waste at one location is a far better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at various sites throughout the country.

Those activists who oppose the storage facility at Yucca will never be satisfied with any certification of safety. By imposing impossibly high standards that are of no benefit to society, they simply seek to block this project and ultimately cause the shutdown of our emission-free domestic nuclear power plants. The importance of energy independence seems to be lost on them; maybe they favor importing more oil from the Middle East to help meet our energy needs.

Please do all you can to have our government do the right thing in this matter.

Sincerely,



Ken Cutler